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**NOTES.**

## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Historical Association will be held in Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 28-31, 1908. A reduced railroad rate of one fare and three-fifths, on the certificate plan, has been secured. The headquarters of the association will be, in Washington, the New Willard Hotel; in Richmond, the Jefferson.

Among the hospitalities tendered the members of the association will be the courtesies of many of the clubs in Washington and Richmond, special exhibits of the Division of Manuscripts and the Division of Maps in Washington, and in the Confederate Museum at Richmond, a reception by Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce and receptions by various social organizations at Richmond, and an excursion to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville.

The program includes addresses by James Bryce, James Ford Rhodes, George B. Adams, Charles H. Haskins, C. Raymond Beazley, O. H. Richardson, General Edward P. Alexander and others, and conferences on "The Relations of Geography to History," "History in Secondary Schools," "State and Local Historical Societies," "Research in English History," in "American Colonial and Revolutionary History," in "Southern History" and other topics of importance.

The arrangements for the meeting, the place of meeting and the program are all exceptionally attractive and it is to be hoped that there will be a large attendance from this State.

## THE LASSELLE COLLECTION.

The Department of Archives and History of the Indiana State Library has recently secured for the library the collection which Mr. Charles B. Lasselle, of Logansport, had been collecting for over half a century. This collection of historic material is perhaps the best private one in this State. It is quite rich in manuscript material, a large part of which goes back to the territorial period and concerns Vincennes. There is also in the collection an almost complete file of Logansport news-

papers, beginning with the *Pottawatomie Times*, the first paper published in that region. There are other local newspapers, a number of valuable pamphlets, and many old books. There is also supposed to be practically a complete set of the Acts of the Indiana State Legislature, together with several interesting historical relics.

It will be some time before the materials can be inspected and classified sufficiently to give a definite idea of everything.

It is hoped, with this collection as a nucleus, that the Indiana State Library will be able to add rapidly to its collection of Indiana manuscript material.

#### MEETING OF OHIO VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Historical Association was held at Marietta, Ohio, on November 27 and 28. Especial interest attached to the meeting because of the historical associations of the meeting place. There was a good attendance of representatives from the several States of the Ohio Valley. The Friday morning session was devoted to a discussion of Historical Manuscript Collections, and methods of locating and indexing them. The result of this discussion was the appointment of a committee to locate and index such manuscript collections.

Friday afternoon there was a general public meeting, at which addresses were given by Miss Ellen Churchill Semple, on "The Relation Between Geography and History;" Dr. W. J. Holland, of Pittsburg, on "Historic Beginnings of the Ohio Valley;" Colonel John L. Vance, of Columbus, on "The Ohio River, Its Improvement and Commercial Importance;" and Vergil A. Lewis, of Charleston, West Virginia, on "Lord Dunmore's War." At the close of this session a reception was given for the delegates in the Ohio Company's Land Office, the oldest building in Ohio, and containing a collection of historical relics pertaining to the first settlement of Ohio.

On Friday evening a banquet was given at the Y. M. C. A. building, at which the principal address was made by President S. C. Mitchell, of the University of California. Dr. Mitchell made an impression on his audience for the keenness of his insight into the problems of the South, and by his extreme justness in han-

dling these problems. Professor T. C. Reve, of the Cincinnati Law School, was toastmaster.

On Saturday morning Mr. Arthur W. Dunn, of Indianapolis, read a paper on "The Civic Value of Local History," which was discussed by former city auditor W. G. Culkins, of Cincinnati, and by Professor Henry R. Spencer, of Ohio State University. Miss May Lowe, of Circleville, Ohio, was to have read a paper on "The Present Status of Local History in the Schools," but in her absence an abstract of her paper was presented by the secretary. The paper will appear in the published proceedings.

A business session followed, at which the election of officers was held. Professor T. C. Greve, of Cincinnati, was elected president; vice-presidents, W. W. Longmore, of Kentucky; Vergil Lewis, of West Virginia; A. W. Dunn, of Indiana, and Professor Elson, of Ohio; secretary and treasurer, Professor I. J. Cox, of Cincinnati; recording secretary and curator, Professor A. B. Hulbert, of Marietta College. A committee was appointed to investigate and report on the teaching of local history in the schools, and also one to investigate the location and indexing of manuscripts.

The Saturday afternoon session was devoted to three papers: "Braddock's Road," by Henry W. Temple, of Washington and Jefferson College; "Zane's Trace," by C. L. Martzollf, of Ohio University; and "The Old Maysville Road," by Samuel M. Wilson, of Lexington, Kentucky. In Mr. Wilson's absence, his paper was read for him by H. B. Mackoy, of Covington, Kentucky.

The choice of a place of meeting for next year was left with the executive committee. Invitations were extended by the representatives of a number of cities, but the meeting will probably go to Frankfort, Kentucky.

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## REVIEWS OF BOOKS.

### TRUE INDIAN STORIES.

[By Jacob Piatt Dun. Illustrated. 320 pages. 1908. Sentinel Printing Company, Indianapolis. \$1.00.]

Mr. Dunn's latest work upon Indiana consists of two distinct parts which do not necessarily belong together, the first 252